

The Middletown Transcript.

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The Solicitor of the Treasury Department decides that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue has a right to examine the checks of any bank to find whether there is any violation of the law respecting the affixing of stamps.

A very interesting communication on Mormonism in general, and Mrs. Ann Eliza Young in particular, was handed us on Thursday. It was too long for insertion this week, and as we did not like to mar it by condensing, we have deferred it till next week.

THE RAILROAD MULLERS.—A break has occurred between the Baltimore and Ohio and the P. W. & B. R. R. Companies, in regard to freight. The B. & O. wanted the P. W. & B. to reduce their freight charges, to correspond with the reductions caused by the former's war with the Pennsylvania Central, but Mr. Hinkley refused to make the required reduction. In consequence the B. & O. Company have ordered their freights from Philadelphia to be shipped through the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal. What is lost to one is a gain to others.

THE CHECK STAMP LAW.—The score over the violation of the check stamp act last winter seems not to have had, in all instances the required effect—to cause parties and banks to be more careful about stamping their checks. Several banks down the State, it is said, have been again caught in violating the law, either through willfulness or carelessness; and last week the National Bank of Delaware, was caught *flagrante delicto* and fined \$50. Perhaps this will serve as a warning to people to stamp their own checks. They put their money—if they have any—in bank for their own accommodation, and when they give checks in payment of bills they leave the creditor to pay the stamp. This may not be meanness, but it certainly is great carelessness. The greatest hardship in this instance is that the bank should lose the amount of the fine. The individuals whose carelessness caused the trouble ought to pay the fine.

Diversity of Products.

Some of the Virginia papers are appealing to the agriculturists of that State to diversify their crops that in no case can they be left without a sufficiency of food for their own support, even if they have no profits. The Petersburg and Richmond newspapers are strongly advocating this rule, and it is to be hoped, have a good prospect of success. There are some portions of Virginia in which tobacco is practically the single crop, and if it fails to yield largely the consequences are disastrous.—*Baltimore Sun*.

The same may be said of the Delaware and Maryland Peninsula, and the above excellent advice will apply with equally good effect to our agriculturists. So much of the land has of late years been covered with peach trees that there is comparatively little left for other things. To such an extent has this tree planting been carried that the growing of cereals has to a great extent been almost abandoned, the farmers, in hastening to be rich, depending almost exclusively on their fruit crops. The result is that when a too severe winter, or late frost, or drought, or hail storm, or some other of the thousand and one ills to which the fruit is subject, kills that crop, "their land is left to them desolate," and they have nothing to fall back upon. When their peaches are killed their financial resources are all gone.

Now if our farmers would cease to plant trees for a few years, or what probably would be better, but what very few would be willing to do, pull out a goodly number of the trees that now encumber their fields, and devote a little more of their land to raising wheat, corn and oats; raise sheep—in other words, take the advice of the Virginia papers and diversify their crops, though they might not get rich all at once, they would never be without something to sell from their farms, some source of revenue.

"AS THE MANNER OF SOME IS."—When a man subscribes for a paper, and expresses himself highly pleased with it, and tells his neighbors that they "ought to subscribe," and then, after he has been a subscriber for six years without paying anything, and is presented with a bill, refuses to pay, and tells the editor, "don't send your old paper any more as it has nothing in it," we conclude he is a pretty mean case, and wouldn't require much training to make him a thief.—*Have Republican*.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED BASK BALL CLUBS.—There are now in the United States about fifteen hundred thoroughly organized base ball clubs, having an aggregate membership of over 25,000. These are divided into two distinct classes—professional and amateur. They are each governed by a national association, holding its annual meeting in March of each year, for the purpose of amending and revising the playing rules. Out of the total of 1,500 clubs there are not more than fifteen that can be strictly classed as professional, the remainder being amateurs and what is called co-operative professionals.

The New York Historical Society celebrated its 70th anniversary Thursday.

How to Kill Stagnation.

March came in like a lion, and true to the old adage, it went out like a lamb, something at which everybody will rejoice, for the pleasant weather of the past three or four days has had a reviving effect upon business. The ladies, taking advantage of clear pavements and bright sunshine, have been crowding the retail establishments of the city, while our wholesale men are beginning to rejoice at the presence of their customers, and the daily receipts of big orders from those who have not found it convenient to pay a spring visit to the city.

A fortnight of good weather will add wonderfully to the briskness of trade. In addition to this, there is a more hopeful spirit abroad amongst dealers and manufacturers. Men begin to look more cheerful, and whenever such is the case, there is reason to look for still further improvement.

Nothing is so well calculated to depress trade as gloomy countenances amongst those engaged in it. If the community could only be prevailed upon to believe that there is "a good time coming" in the near future—that there will be inaugurated an old-fashioned money-making period; that mill wheels will again revolve with their wonted activity; that the hum of busy industry will again be heard in all our workshops and manufactories; that strikes will shortly end, and that the traffic be restored, and that a magical change would be instantly wrought, and how much sooner these golden dreams would be realized.

To-day there are many thousands men out of employment, exclusive of those who have voluntarily abandoned work, because of a slight difference between the rates of wages offered and those finally received. If the spring opens and outdoor work becomes possible, the majority of these will find employment, and the incubus of so many idle laborers being removed, an additional motive for cheerfulness will be aroused. When everybody is in a good humor, trade is certain to be brisk, and when men are not busy, or are only partially employed, it is certain to run behind hand.

The maintenance of a "stiff upper lip" is everything. Nothing is better calculated to inspire confidence in all around, and a forbidding countenance will produce just the converse. Then let each resolve to manfully face the situation; let the determinations be universal that there shall be brisk times; that stagnation has had its day, and having thus determined, there must be no backing down.—*Philadelphia Chronicle*.

ISTHMIAN CANALS.—The Suez canal, during its last business year, is said to have paid a dividend of six per cent. upon the entire cost of construction, and it is thought will pay more hereafter. Though the influence of Great Britain was used to discourage the construction of this canal, the East India commerce of that country largely takes this route, and is the most liberal contributor to its revenue. The navigation of the Red Sea, which the canal unites with the Mediterranean, is said to be so difficult that the few fast-sailing tea ships prefer to make the voyage from China to England by the old route rather than encounter the baffling winds, reefs and want of sea room in the Dead Sea. The earnings of the Suez canal are largely made up from tolls of steamships, which have no difficulty in navigating the Red Sea or the canal.

The isthmus of Darien or Tehantepec presents the next obstacle to the commerce of the world which engineering skill will be called upon to overcome. Late surveys have reduced the apparent difficulties of such an enterprise. When the fact is established that the canal will pay a fair interest on the cost of construction the work will be inaugurated. The commercial results to California and the North Pacific coast would be of immense importance. As the New York Express remarks, when a sailing ship leaving the port of San Francisco can reach New York in 6,000 miles, in place of one by Cape Horn, more than 17,000 miles, saving almost two-thirds of the distance, and reducing the voyage to Liverpool 7,000 miles, there will be little occasion to discuss the commercial results of the canal. How unhappy all flower-lovers must be! How trying to the wash-women. Surely the owner of the cattle is not a believer in the *Golden Rule*. It certainly appears very selfish and ungrateful to say the least. I venture to say he is not a favorite with the "fair sex" for that very reason. Oh, fie! That the beauty of Middletown, should be marred by an act of one of its own citizens! Why do not the ladies of your town send a committee of one, to wait on this gentleman and try to persuade him to stop this annoyance? Or is he invulnerable? I have heard he is very reliable, so if you can obtain his promise, your wishes will be realized. I wish you success! A RIPPLE FROM THE CHESAPEAKE.

SINGULAR PETRIFICATION.—While hunting in the tules near the sink of Cache Creek, on Monday last, Mr. Abe Green, an old time hunter, discovered a petrified goose standing upright, with its legs buried about one-half in the adobe soil. He thought at first it was a living, creeping creature, but on firing his gun at it, the bird did not budge an inch. He thought it very strange, and walked up to it. He found it dead, and in trying to pick it up was astonished at its immense weight. It had turned to stone, and a mark on its wing near the forward joint showed where the shot had struck it, knocking a piece off. He managed to raise it up out of the ground, and when he laid it down a piece dropped from its breast, disclosing a hollow inside from which pure, clear water continued running. Its feathers were very natural, and its appearance was lifelike.—*Toledo (Cal.) Mail*.

CURIOUS ESTIMATE.—It has been estimated that of 12,000,000 women in America 11,000,000 wear calico dresses, more or less; that the spirit of economy has, during the past year, induced them to forego one dress a piece from their usual array; that the average calico dress contains eleven yards, and that consequently there has been a loss to the trade by this retrenchment of 121,000,000 yards. This is nearly the entire product of all the mills of Massachusetts for a year.

FURTHER LITIGATION.—The Wilmington and Reading road has filed a bill in equity in the courts of Lehigh county against the Berks County, Reading and Lehigh Railroad Company from leasing its road to the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company. It will be remembered that this question was before the courts in this county (Berks) and was decided for the defendants.—*Reading Eagle*.

The local election at Albany, N. Y., Tuesday, was carried by the Democrats by about 400 majority.

Mr. Editor.—Through a letter received in this town by one of our neighbors from a gentleman residing in the Brasos river country, in northern Texas, we have the following account of the wonderful resources of that most favored region, second only to, if not the equal of California in agricultural and mineral resources, and mild and healthy climate. He says "its mild winters admit of almost constant outdoor work being performed with entire comfort to the laborer; an elevated and very fertile prairie 1000 feet higher than St. Louis; (which fact alone, precludes all chance of epidemics) and without that monotonous appearance of ordinary prairies, having substituted for it, gorgeously interspersed small conical and other shaped mountains, covered with groves of that delicious nut the pecan, with also the much appreciated, but now very rare "live oak" with other timber and fruit: the timber prevailing particularly along all water courses. This is a section of country, which has no superior for all kinds of stock, which thrive out all winter upon the mesquite grass, the most nutritious and fattening of all grasses; besides the grain resources, fruit, and vineyards of this region are only equalled by its deposits of coal, lime, copper, iron, and many other minerals, (gold perhaps included).

No safer or better purchase either for household or investment could be made, and particularly at this time, when the Texas Pacific Railroad, will so soon open up this country to immigrants, and when these lands will be greatly enhanced, and advanced in price. Land there at this time, is offered at from 2 to 3 dollars an acre; and choice bottom prairie with improvements, at from 6 to 7 dollars. This latter kind of property will be worth from 40 to 50 dollars an acre, in less than 5 years time.

Now, why will so many of our young men squander their precious youth and time, in loafing round this, and other villages and resorts for idlers, instead of embracing such a golden opportunity as that now offered? Mr. Editor, can you account for it? The men of the present day, ought to be the equals in business of the men of the past, and can, if they will arouse themselves, perform as great feats as their forefathers: It is true their daddies had not the fine carriages, fast horses, long whips, and 10 cent cigars which mark a good many of their business resolves; and fortunate it was that they had not. BRAZOS.

KENT COUNTY, Md., April 14, '75. Dear Transcript—I had the pleasure of visiting your delightful town, a short time since. The difference between it and Chestertown was remarkable. The more so because you have so few of the natural advantages that Chestertown can boast of.

How busy every one appeared! What activity was displayed by the very movements of the people! Every one seemed to have some object in view, and, better still, seemed possessed with a determination to accomplish that object. Now, in Chestertown, you will see the people sauntering along in the most leisurely manner imaginable—pleasant and affable enough, but so inactive, I might say—inert. They seem content to plod along in the same ruts, worn by their ancestors. They do not appear to desire any improvements—as a matter of course there are few made. The few improvements that are made, are indebted for entirely to the efforts of a few energetic persons, whom they seem pleased to term *foreigners*. One luxury Chestertown claims, which is a fair specimen of their progressiveness—the "accommodation train." If the passengers desire fruit fresh from the trees, berries, nuts or even to go fishing, the train is stopped and awaits the pleasure of the excursionists. I was very accommodating I'm sure! Enough of Chestertown, for its past I shall always revere it, its present is *inexcusable*!

I will not attempt to enumerate the many advantages and improvements now in progress of the progress and enterprise, of Middletown. All this is very perceptible to the most unobservant visitor. I remarked but one disagreeable feature of your town, I was surprised that such a thing should be allowed. I refer to the driving of cattle through the main street. How inconvenient it must be for the excellent horse-drawn living carriages! How unhappy all flower-lovers must be! How trying to the wash-women. Surely the owner of the cattle is not a believer in the *Golden Rule*. It certainly appears very selfish and ungrateful to say the least. I venture to say he is not a favorite with the "fair sex" for that very reason. Oh, fie! That the beauty of Middletown, should be marred by an act of one of its own citizens! Why do not the ladies of your town send a committee of one, to wait on this gentleman and try to persuade him to stop this annoyance? Or is he invulnerable? I have heard he is very reliable, so if you can obtain his promise, your wishes will be realized. I wish you success! A RIPPLE FROM THE CHESAPEAKE.

For the Transcript. That Trip Through Cecil Co., Md. Mr. Editor.—Your last issue contained a letter from "Chesapeake," in which he takes exceptions to our description of Chesapeake City. We do not intend to insult any of the citizens of that town, but merely chronicled the events in a crude style to please our own fancy. "Chesapeake" should understand our intention before he replies to any such remarks, and he should, when writing a reply, be more consistent. He ridicules and sympathizes with the Dutchman in one breath; and then accuses us of the crime of type-setting. We went to the saloon on a business transaction, did not drink, and therefore cannot reproach ourselves. We will state that "Chesapeake" is a gentleman whom we always respected, and whom we decline to answer in any such remarks, and he should, when writing a reply, be more consistent. He ridicules and sympathizes with the Dutchman in one breath; and then accuses us of the crime of type-setting. 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SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 17, 1875.

Local and State Affairs.

Minor Topics.

Thunder storm Monday night, followed by
a snow storm on Tuesday.

The Wilmington papers speak encouragingly
of business improvements, and prospects
in that place.

Wilmington's Spelling Bee in aid of the
Philadelphia Centennial show, took place on
Thursday evening.

William Dean promises to "come out" in
the Delaware College State Aid letter-writing
controversy.

The peach trees are as full of buds as they
can well hold, and everything indicates a
heavy crop of the "fasciuses."

J. W. Phillips, member of the Legislature,
from Sussex county, has gone to New York,
to engage in the commission business.

There are seventy female, and only one
male teacher in the public schools of Wil-
mington.

Messrs Collins & Co., have commenced the
rebuilding of their banking establishment, at
Lebanon, destroyed by fire last fall.

Leaves is to have a Spelling Bee next Sat-
urday. A gold watch, a big dictionary and a
\$10 gold piece are the prizes.

Smyrns had a "Bea" on Thursday evening
for the benefit of the town library. The
"classes" numbered thirty.

The next quarterly meeting of the Trustees
of the Poor, of this county, will be held at
the Alms House, on the 28th inst. See notice.

The canning establishments down the State
are contracting for tomatoes. Samuel Hall,
of Frederica, has contracted for 150 acres at
20 cents per bushel.

The tobacco and cigar store of W. H.
Rojinson, of Wilmington, was robbed of
from \$150 to \$200 worth of goods and money
on Saturday night last.

This is a terribly backward spring. Here
is the middle of April, and vegetation shows
scarce any more signs of life than it did two
months ago.

Some sacrilegious thief stole the missionary
box of the Seaford M. P. Church, a short time
ago, and as the box had not been opened
since 1873, nobody knows how much money
he got.

Samuel Townsend hasn't much faith in the
Ship Canal yet; although work has been
commenced upon it. Mr. T. evidently re-
gards this as only a ruse to keep the charter
alive.

Ayers Stockly, Esq., has resigned the Presi-
dency of the Smyrna bank, and Dr. J. C. Cum-
mings, elected President pro tempore, by the
Directors, to succeed him. Mr. Stockly had
been connected with the bank nearly fifty
years.

Two men, giving their names as Lafayette
Thomas and Charles Taylor, were arrested in
Wilmington on Saturday, on the charge of
picking the pocket of John McCauley. They
were sent over to New Castle in default of
bail.

The manufacturing of farming implements on
an extensive scale at their works on Railroad
avenue. They are the sole manufacturers of
the celebrated Delaware Phosphate Drill.
Read their advertisement.

F. E. Conventions.

The Northern Convention of the Clergy-
men of the P. E. Church, of the Delaware
Diocese, will be held at Delaware City, on the
20th and 21st inst. An interesting time is
looked forward to, as it is expected that the
clergy and laity of the Kent and Sussex coun-
ties will be present.

Arrested.

Timothy C. Harbert, of Armstrong's, was
arrested, on Monday, by U. S. Marshall Dunn,
on the charge of violating the United States
Liquor law by selling liquor without a license.
He was taken to Wilmington, and given a
trial before the U. S. Circuit Court. After
hearing the evidence the jury returned a ver-
dict of "not guilty."

Runaway.

A horse with harness on, became frightened
and ran away from Messrs. J. B. Penmore &
Co.'s lumber yard, on Monday morning.
This frightened a pair of horses attached to
a farm wagon, belonging to Mr. R. D. Rutledge,
causing them to run away. They were taken
up, however, after running about a mile
without having caused any other damage
than slightly breaking the harness.

State Superintendent.

The contest for the State School Superin-
tendency was brought to a close, on Tuesday,
by the appointment by His Excellency, the
Governor, of Prof. James H. Groves, of the
Smyrna Seminary to the office. Mr. Groves
is a young man, active and energetic, well
educated, and with considerable experience
in teaching. He was for several years Prin-
cipal of the High School of Attleborough,
Pa., and for the past year, of the seminary at
Wilmington, and like his father, has been a
life-long Democrat. From our personal ac-
quaintance with Mr. Groves, we feel assured
that the Governor could have made no better
selection.

The Wilmington Inconveniences.

Elmer W. Moore, who was arrested some time
ago, on the charge of setting fire to property
in Wilmington, turned State's evidence last
Monday, and told what he knew about the
February fires. In giving his testimony he
implied two other young men, who he said
were his accomplices. These were Thomas
Titus and Wm. England. The latter gave
bail in the sum of \$2000 for his appearance
at court, but Titus, in default of bail, was
sent over to New Castle, to await trial. He
is a young man, (about 25 years old) of res-
pectable family. He was arrested several
years ago for setting fire to a small stable
belonging to John Kirkman, of Christiana
Hundred, but his father paid the damages
and the boy was released.

A Lucky Day.

Elijah Conaway, says the *Citizen*, a young
colored man of Seaford, bought a house last
week from a Mr. Mulliken, for which he paid
\$20.00. In repairing the house Conaway
found a lot of silver coin—just how much
nobody knows, as Elijah refuses to tell, but
"they say" he got \$40.00.

Child Smothered.

On Saturday last a child of James Collins,
of Dover, was smothered to death at the house
of Robert Carson, at Little Creek Landing,
where Mr. C. and wife were visiting. It ap-
pears that when the parents got up in the
morning the child was left asleep in bed.
Some time afterwards some one threw some
bed clothing upon the bed without noticing
the child, and suffocated it.—Times.

A Great Compliment to a Great Show.

Of A. B. Rothchild's Royal Victoria Man-
agria, Asia-African Caravan and Continental
Circus, which is to pitch its monster double
tent here on Tuesday, April 27th,
the *London Times* editorially says: "The
richness suggested by its name more than
sustained by the evidences of its internal
wealth of presentations and representations." From
one so chary of compliment as is the
"Great Thunder" this is praise of a quality
which carries with it conviction.

New Castle Election.

The first municipal election of New Castle
under her city charter was held on Tuesday,
the voting being, as usual, at the Court
House. Considerable interest was manifested
there being two tickets in the field. The
Citizens' ticket, however, with Thomas Gif-
fin at its head, for Mayor, was elected by a
large majority. The newly elected city offi-
cers are: Thomas Giffin, Mayor; William
F. Lane, City Treasurer; G. L. Jemison,
City Assessor; George Gray, Theo. Holcomb,
Wm. G. Gayer, Samuel P. Truss, John Mc-
Farlan, City Council. The whole number of
votes polled was 295.

The council held a meeting for organization
in the evening when the Mayor was qualified
and entered upon the duties of his office.

First Class in Spelling.

The arrangements for the spelling contest
are rapidly approaching completion. Some
two or three meetings have been held; rules
adopted; presiding officer selected, judges
provided for, place chosen and several other
preliminaries agreed upon. Nearly all is
ready now, and nothing wanted but spellers.

The following committee has been appointed
to make all necessary arrangements. All
persons, from Middletown, Odessa and other
neighboring towns, are cordially invited to
send in their names at once to the committee.
Four prizes will be awarded. The time for
the Bee will be announced as soon as the
classes are full. Rules will be published next
week.

Prof. L. B. Jones,
A. G. Cox,
J. T. Budd.

The Great Show Over the Ocean.

Our advertising columns to-day promise
our readers something unusually and desir-
ably novel and varied in the way of amuse-
ment, in Middletown, on Tuesday, April 27th,
a visit from A. B. Rothchild's Royal Victoria
Manager, Asia-African Caravan and Con-
tinental Circus, which comes all the way
across the stormy Atlantic to test the lib-
erty and appreciation of the American public,
previous to landing itself at Philadelphia, as
one of the features of the forthcoming Cen-
tennial Celebration.

We bespeak for our foreign visitor a golden
welcome, not only on account of respect for
the nerve involved in making such a singular
and risky venture; and the undoubted mag-
nitude, elegance and propriety of the exhibi-
tion, but because rare good faith is demon-
strated in the emphatic discarding of the
museum trash, largely employed by other
shows to swell the people and give a pre-
tensionally false idea of their size and attrac-
tions. Our new candidate for arctic recog-
nition sticks bravely and squarely in its an-
nouncement text to the legitimate features of
test entertainment; the ones we really go to
see and enjoy, and beyond which lie the
realms of fraud.

We need not specify the special animals and
noted artists combined at once to instruct
and delight, but the feature of the gigantic
performing rhinoceros, "Himalaya," is one
as new and extraordinary as any to be
seen, serving special prominence as the bills say
it is "a whole show alone," and will add
greatly to the general desire perceptible to
seek the great double pavilions of the dis-
tinguished nomadic stranger.

Maryland Affairs.

Fire at ELKTON, Mo.—A fire broke out in
the carriage shop of Witworth Brothers, at
Elkton, Cecil county, on Friday night of
last week, which consumed that building,
a dwelling house adjoining, occupied by Geo.
Witworth, and a blacksmith shop belonging
to Howard Titus. Witworth Bros., lose
everything but fourteen finished carriages,
which were got out. All the unfinished car-
riages in the lower story, valuable trimmings,
paints, oils, varnishes, &c., were consumed.
One of the horses, James Cameron, had a
trunk in the third story of the shop contain-
ing his clothes and two watches, one of them gold,
and \$300 in money, which was burned. The
loss of the Witworths is on their tools and
furniture, and they are insured for \$2,500 in
Cecil and York county companies. The
building belonged to the heirs of the late Dr.
John Gilpin, and was insured for \$3,000.

The Chester County Transcript says "When,
generally, has made rapid improvement since
the favorable weather set in. Clover, also,
is growing finely. Out seeding, for which
the weather has been very good, is over, and
the farmers are busy plowing and preparing
to pitch the corn crop. Reports from all sec-
tions of the county agree that a more flatter-
ing prospect for a large peach crop this sum-
mer was never known than at present. The
buds are swelling rapidly and soon the trees
will be in blossom."

Wm. F. Wales, a salesman with Hamilton
East & Sons, of Baltimore, formerly of
Seaford, has been arrested on the charge
of stealing goods from the firm. The pecu-
liations had been going on for some time
and could not be detected until last week. Goods
to the amount of several thousands of dollars
had been taken. Another salesman, C. F.
Whipple, is also implicated.

The commissioners of Kent county have
made the following appointments: Tax
collectors, first district, John H. Thomas;
second district, N. W. Combs; third dis-
trict, J. W. Howard; fourth district, James
Butler; fifth district, Samuel Burgess. Stand-
ard keeper, Francis Gettsell, of the third
district.

Franco J. A. hotel-keeper, living near
Bay View Cecil county, Md., who failed to
get a license at the last sitting of the Grand
Jury, was so angered thereat that he fenced
his hotel and stables in with a wren fence so
that the traveling public would not be induced
to stop there, under the impression that it
was still a hotel.

The April term of the Circuit Court of Kent
county commences on Monday, the 19th inst.
There are two murder cases to dispose of—
Collier, for the murder of a sailor on Swan

Point, and a boy only eleven years of age,
named Lincoln May, for shooting another
boy, named David Keating, in Quaker Neck,
in December last.

The spelling fever has reached Easton and
they are going to have a "Bea" down there
right soon, for the benefit of their prospective
library. The *Ledger* thinks there is a "beap
of fun" in this. Our devil says there is
is no fun about it if you get hold of the busi-
ness and of a hooey here.

Easton has a town ordinance prohibiting
chickens from running at large in the streets,
and the bailiff is required to arrest all fowls
violating this law. This beats the Sussex
county goose law all to pieces.

J. F. Macha, real estate agent, sold the
farm of Mr. Flanning, in Talbot county, last
week to Col. J. D. Bradford, of Yorkers, N. Y.,
for \$8,000. Col. Bradford is a nephew
of Ex-Confederate President Davis.

The Elkton Methodist Episcopal church is
without a pastor, the congregation having
refused to receive Rev. George A. Phoebe,
who was assigned to the charge by the late
conference.

Twenty-eight persons joined the Elkton
Presbyterian church last Sunday. This large
accession of membership is attributed to the
recent labors of the Rev. Mr. Cullis, the re-
vivalist.

Queen Anna's county jail contains eleven
inmates, all colored, and the jail of Caroline
county is at present and has been for some
time without a prisoner.

Mr. Wm. H. Beard, the contractor, is to
commence dredging Kent Island Narrows on
the 20th of May, and finish the job by the 1st
of next December.

Fishing for shad and herring has commenced
with large hauling seines on the Northeast
Elk and Sassafras rivers, in Cecil county.

Geo. Groome has appointed John Golds-
borough, Esq., Register of the Third Election
District since Benj. N. Wright.

The several Granges P. O. of H. of Queen
Anne county, met and formed themselves
into a county Grange last week.

Governor Groome was a witness before the
Caroline county court week before last.

Divine Service.

There will be divine service in St. Augus-
tine church, Bohemia Manor, to-morrow (Sun-
day) April 18th, at 3 o'clock P. M.

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A CONVENIENT HOUSE on
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THE STORE ROOM now occupied by J.
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March 25th, 1875. E. W. LOCKWOOD,
Dec 26—1t.

FOR SALE OR RENT.

A fine sized THREE-STORY
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WANTED.

Partner with three to five thousand dollars
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TRANSCRIPT OFFICE, Middletown, Del.
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MAILED.

WELDON—FOXWELL.—On March 10th, at the
house of Mr. Levi Lattimore, Esq., in Town-
send, by the Rev. J. E. Bryan, Mr. John R.
Weldon, to Miss Mary Emma Foxwell, both
of New Castle county, Del.
Delaware Gazette please copy.

DIED.

WILSON.—Suddenly, on the night of the 3d
inst., Matilda Wilson, infant daughter of
Jacob C. and Sadie Wilson, aged 5 months
and 3 days.

MORRISON.—In Wilmington, on Thursday,
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Dry Goods and Groceries.

TO THE PUBLIC.

THE subscriber would call the attention
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